

database, wherein the preprogrammed theme channels include a plurality of related skin image files.

9. The portable electronic device of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic device is a mobile telephone, and a specific skin image file is displayed on the adaptable skin upon receipt of a call.

10. The portable electronic device of claim 9, wherein a unique skin image file is displayed based on an identification of the call.

11. The portable electronic device of claim 10, wherein the identification of the call is a telephone number.

12. The portable electronic device of claim 10, wherein the identification of the call is an Internet protocol (IP) address.

13. A system for delivering skin image files, the system comprising:

- a wireless communication network including at least one base station;

- a skin database configured to store skin image files; and

- a portable electronic device comprising:

- an adaptable skin substantially covering the portable electronic device, wherein the skin is configured to display a skin image file; and

- a transceiver configured to send requests for skin image files to the skin database and to receive skin image files from the skin database.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the adaptable skin of the portable electronic device is an adaptable electrochromic skin.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein the portable electronic device further comprises:

- a display configured to display a list of skin image files available for display on the adaptable skin of the device.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the list of skin image files includes skin image files stored locally in a memory of the portable electronic device.

17. The system of claim 15, wherein the portable electronic device further comprises:

- an input device configured to select a skin image for display by the adaptable skin.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein the display is configured to display an interactive window comprising:

- a search pane wherein a user is able to search an electronic database for skin image files;

- a library pane configured to display a hierarchical view skin image files stored in the database;

- a play list pane configured to display a list of skin image files to the user; and

- a channels pane configured to provide a list of preprogrammed theme channels available in the electronic database, wherein the preprogrammed theme channels include a plurality of related skin image files.

19. The system of claim 13, wherein the portable electronic device is a mobile telephone, and a specific skin image file is displayed on the adaptable skin upon receipt of a call.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein a unique skin image file is displayed based on an identification of the call.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the identification of the call is a telephone number.

22. The system of claim 20, wherein the identification of the call is an Internet protocol (IP) address.

23. The system of claim 13, wherein the skin database is further configured to track the number and type of skin image files transmitted to a portable electronic device for charging purposes.

24. The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless communication network is an IEEE 802.x wireless local area network (WLAN).

25. The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless communication network is a global system for mobile communications (GSM) network.

26. The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless communication network is a third generation partnership project (3GPP) network.

27. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

- a skin service provider configured to provide skin image files to the portable electronic device based on the location of the portable electronic device.

28. The system of claim 27, wherein the skin service provider is further configured to determine the location of the portable electronic device based on the portable electronic device's association with the base station.

29. The system of claim 27, wherein the portable electronic device further comprises:

- a global positioning system (GPS) circuit for providing location information to the skin service provider;

- wherein the skin service provider determines the location of the portable electronic device based on the provided location information.

30. The system of claim 27, wherein the skin service provider includes:

- a database of skin image files corresponding to a plurality of locations;

- wherein when a portable electronic device is positioned at one of the plurality of locations the skin service provider is configured to select a skin image file corresponding to the one location.

31. A portable electronic device comprising:

- an adaptable skin substantially covering the portable electronic device, wherein the skin is configured to display a stored skin image including information for display to a user;

- a touch sensor proximately disposed to the adaptable skin, wherein the touch sensor is configured to receive touch input from a user of the portable electronic device;

- electronics configured to drive and control the adaptable skin and to process the touch input from the touch sensor; and

- a memory configured to store a skin image file for display on the adaptable skin.

32. The portable electronic device of claim 31, wherein the adaptable skin is an adaptable electrochromic skin.

33. The portable electronic device of claim 31, further comprising:

- a transceiver configured to send requests for a skin image files to a server.